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In re application of

Marian Elizabeth LUDGATE

Serial No. 09/509,687.

Filed April 19, 2000

BIOASSAY FOR THYROID STIMULATING ANTIBODIES

Confirmation No

GROUP 1644

Examiner P. Nolan

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of April 28, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 36 as follows:

- -36. (thrice amended) A clone stably transfected with a gene expressing wild-type human thyrotropin receptor and a reporter construct comprising cDNA of both
- (i) a reactant capable of causing a measurable response when brought into contact with a corresponding substrate, and
- (ii) a promoter containing cAMP response elements (CREs), comprising a promoter sequence or synthetic oligonucleotide which contains the CRE consensus sequence, TGACGTCA,

whereby cAMP levels vary with expression of the reactant; and wherein the promoter sequence or synthetic oligonucleotide is